

**UNITED STATES EMBASSY HANOI  
PUBLIC AFFAIRS SECTION**

**Announcement  
2012 STUDY OF THE UNITED STATES INSTITUTES  
FOR SCHOLARS AND SECONDARY SCHOOL EDUCATORS**

The Public Affairs Section (PAS) of the U.S. Embassy in Hanoi is pleased to announce the Study of the United States Institutes (SUSI) programs for scholars in 2012. We are currently seeking suitable candidates to nominate for these programs. University lecturers and researchers in American Studies who wish to apply for the programs are invited to complete the attached application form and send it to PAS by **Monday, December 12, 2011**. Selections will be announced in early April 2012. This announcement is applicable to candidates who live in northern provinces of Vietnam (from Quang Tri northward).

**Program Overview**

Study of the United States Institutes (SUSI) are intensive post-graduate level academic programs with integrated study tours whose purpose is to provide foreign university faculty and other scholars the opportunity to deepen their understanding of American society, culture and institutions. Knowledge and experience gained from these programs are expected to help the participants to strengthen curricula and to improve the quality of teaching about the United States in their own universities and institutions when they return to their home country.

Each program will host 18 participants from different countries around the world and take place over the course of six weeks beginning in mid June 2011. We hope to nominate one scholar from Vietnam for each of the programs below. All participant costs, including: program administration, international and domestic travel and ground transportation, housing and subsistence, book, cultural, mailing and incidental allowances will be sponsored by the U.S. Department of State.

**Summary of the Institutes**

***1. U.S. Culture and Society***

SUSI on U.S. Culture and Society will provide a multinational group of 18 experienced and highly-motivated foreign university faculty and scholars with a deeper understanding of U.S. society, culture, values and institutions. The Institute will examine the ethnic, racial, economic, political, and religious contexts in which various cultures have manifested themselves in U.S. society, and the ways in which these cultures have influenced both social movements and historical epochs throughout U.S. history. The program will draw from a diverse disciplinary base, and will itself provide a model of how a foreign university might approach the study of U.S. culture and society. Pending ECA grant approval, the institute will be hosted by New York University.

***2. American Politics and Political Thought***

The SUSI on American Politics and Political Thought will provide a multinational group of 18 foreign university faculty with a deeper understanding of U.S. political institutions and major currents in American political thought. The institute will provide the participants insight into how intellectual and political movements have influenced modern American political institutions. The institute will provide an overview of political thought during the founding period (constitutional foundations), and the development and

current functioning of the American presidency, Congress and the federal judiciary. The examination of political institutions will include the electoral system, political parties and interest groups, the civil service system, media and think tanks, and the welfare/regulatory state. The institute will address modern political and cultural issues in the United States (including but not limited to civil rights, women's rights, immigration, etc.), and the significance of public discourse in the formulation of public policy. Pending ECA grant approval, the institute will be hosted by the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

### ***3. Religious Pluralism in the United States***

The SUSI on Religious Pluralism in the United States will provide a multinational group of up to 18 foreign university faculty and practitioners with a deeper understanding of U.S. society and culture, past and present, through an examination of religious pluralism in the United States and its intersection with American democracy. Employing a multi-disciplinary approach, drawing on fields such as history, political science, sociology, anthropology, law and others where appropriate, the program will explore both the historical and contemporary relationship between church and state in the United States. Participants will examine the following aspects of religious pluralism in the United States: the ways in which religious thought and practice have influenced, and been influenced by, the development of American-style democracy; the intersections of religion and politics in the United States in such areas as elections, public policy, and foreign policy; and the sociology and demography of religion in the United States today, including a survey of the diversity of contemporary religious beliefs and its impact on American politics. Pending ECA grant approval, the institute will be hosted by the University of California at Santa Barbara.

### ***4. For Secondary School Educators***

SUSI for Secondary School Educators will provide two multinational groups of 30 secondary educators each (classroom teachers, teacher trainers, curriculum developers, textbook writers, ministry of education officials, etc.) with a deeper understanding of U.S. society, education, and culture, past and present. The programs will be organized around a central theme or themes in U.S. civilization and will have a strong contemporary component. Through a combination of traditional, multi-disciplinary and interdisciplinary approaches, the programs will elucidate the history and evolution of U.S. educational institutions and values. The programs also serve to illuminate contemporary political, social, and economic debates in American society. Pending FY 2012 funding and ECA grant renewal approvals, one institute will take place at the Institute for Training and Development in Amherst, MA, and the second institute will take place at California State University, Chico.

## **Candidate Qualifications**

Eligible candidates for the Study of the United States Institutes must:

- For SUSI No. 1-3: be between the ages of 30-50;
- For SUSI No. 4: be between the ages of 25-50
- For SUSI No. 1-3: be highly motivated and experienced university lecturers or researchers in American Studies, preferably those having graduate degrees and substantial knowledge of the thematic area of the Institute;
- For SUSI No.4: be highly-motivated secondary teachers, teacher trainers, curriculum developers, textbook writers, ministry of education officials, or other related professionals with responsibility for secondary education who is seeking to introduce aspects of U.S. studies into their curricula;

- be comfortable with campus life and willing and able to fully take part in an intensive post-graduate level academic program and study tour; and
- have excellent command of English.

Young and experienced university lecturers, researchers or secondary school educators with little or no prior experience in the United States, whose home institution is seeking to introduce aspects of U.S. Studies into its curricula, to develop new courses in the subjects of the program they apply for, to enhance and update existing courses on the United States, or to offer specialized seminars/workshops for colleagues in areas related to the program theme are highly encouraged to apply for the programs.

## **Application**

Eligible candidates are invited to submit online complete application form online at <https://sites.google.com/site/susiforscholars/home> no later than **5:00 PM, Monday, December 12, 2011**. Hard copies of application form and supporting documents (degrees, awards...) should be sent to the following address by the same deadline.

The SUSI for Scholars Program  
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No exceptions will be made regarding the deadline.